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	First Named Inventor	Robert J. Slais
	Original Patent Number	6,386,593 B1
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Claims as Amended – Part 2

	(1) Claims Remaining After Amendment		(2) Highest Number Previously Paid For	(3) Extra Claims Present	Small Entity		Other than a Small Entity	
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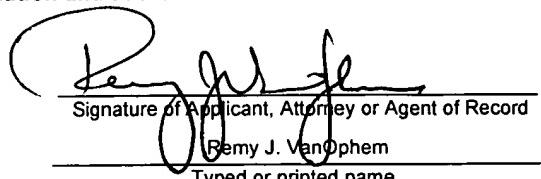
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CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

PATENT NO. : 6,474,126 B1
DATED : November 5, 2002
INVENTOR(S) : Robert H. Webster

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Title page.

Item [74], delete "Vanophen & Vanophen, P.C." and insert
-- VanOphem, & VanOphem, P.C. --.

Column 1.

Line 18, after "opening" insert -- or --.

Column 5.

Line 59, after "shell" insert a comma -- , --.

Column 7.

Line 62, after "cold" insert a hyphen --- -.

Column 10.

Line 33, delete "contracts" and insert -- contacts --.

Signed and Sealed this

Eleventh Day of March, 2003



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Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office

**PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Patent No. 6,386,593B1

Issue Date: May 14, 2002

Inventor: Slais et al.

Title: Dual-Plane Seal for Fluid-tight Conduit Connection

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**STATEMENT OF STATUS AND SUPPORT FOR NEW
CLAIMS UNDER 37 CFR §1.173(c)**

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Sir:

The request for reissue of the above subject patent is herewith filed under 35 USC 251 for the reason that the patentee through error and without any deceptive intent failed to claim less than he had a right to claim in the issued patent. Accordingly, enclosed herewith are new claims 21-26 and according to the attached Preliminary Amendment it is respectfully requested that these claims be entered for the purpose of examination. Support for these new claims is shown in the attached Exhibit A wherein new claims 21-26 are reproduced in the left hand side of Exhibit A while on the right hand side under the heading of U.S. Patent 6,386,593B1 sets forth the reference characters illustrated in Figures 3 through 14 of the cited patent to reflect the ample support for these claims in the specification of the published patent. Pursuant to the provision of 35 USC 251, no new matter is introduced into these new claims and it is respectfully suggested that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, formal allowance hereof is respectfully requested.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.173 enclosed is a copy of the printed patent in double column format with one page of the patent appearing on only one side of each individual page of the specification. Also enclosed is a clean copy of each drawing sheet of the printed patent.

If the Examiner has any questions with respect to any matter now of record, Applicant's attorney may be reached at (586) 739-7445.

Respectfully submitted,

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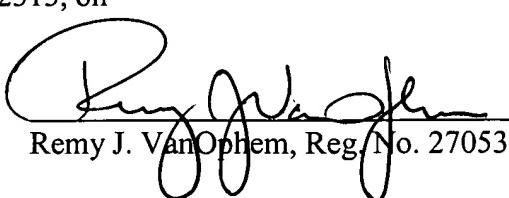
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